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**Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/424,811 for
"Method of Producing Water-Soluble Glass Fibers"
Filed: 30 November 1999
Our Ref.: 40544.00301**

Dear Sirs:

Submitted herewith on behalf of the Appellants, please find an Amended Appeal Brief. This Amended Appeal Brief is submitted in response to a Notification of Non-compliance of 37 CFR 1.192(c) which held that Appellants' earlier appeal brief filed 9 September 2002 was defective.

It is the understanding of undersigned counsel that in a series of discussions between the examiner and Joseph J. DiDonato, registration no. 48,897, who has apparently left the employ of Appellants' undersigned counsel's firm, that the Notification of Non-compliance of 37 CFR 1.192(c) notwithstanding, the only issue required to be addressed by the Amended Appeal Brief was whether the limitation of maintaining working temperature found support in the specification in a manner to obviate the 35 USC 112 rejection. This is the understanding applicant's undersigned counsel as relayed by Mr. DiDonato; undersigned counsel has not been able to reach the examiner to discuss this understanding with the examiner. This understanding does seem to be consistent with the examiner's comments appearing at the bottom of the Notification of Non-compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c).

Appellant's undersigned counsel respectfully notes that the Amended Appeal Brief submitted herewith in triplicate clearly addresses the issue of maintenance of the working temperature during performance of the process, noting the location of support for that limitation in the specification and further noting the inherent nature of that limitation based on the ordinary

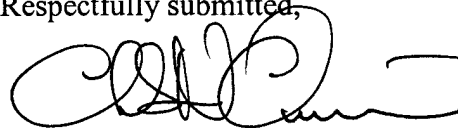
and accepted definition of the word "working" as set forth in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, a copy of the relevant page which is also attached to the three copies of the brief tendered herewith.

Undersigned counsel for the appellants submits this letter in light of Mr. DiDonato's unknown whereabouts and consequent inability of undersigned counsel to contact Mr. DiDonato to discuss these issues.

To the extent that there is a fee required in connection with this submission, please charge that fee to appellant's counsel's deposit account 50-1943.

We respectfully solicit a favorable decision, reversing the extant rejections of the claims, after consideration to the Amended Appeal Brief submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

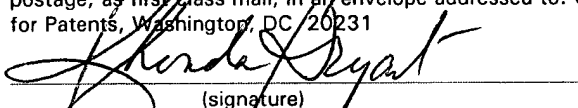


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